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TREASURER'S REPORT.

ISAIAH PIPER, TREASURER, in account with the Town of Belmont.

	DR.
Cash received of town, March 23, 1878,	$2,106 56
" " J. Pope, am't paid Dr. Pattee,	1 00
Money hired of N. Ellsworth,	100 41
" " S. Piper,	160 05
" " J. F. Heath,	262 60
" " E. G. Heath.	13 70
" " L. M. Sweat,	273 43
" " M. F. Sanborn,	249 34
" " S. S. Fifield,	579 34
" " A. M. Fifield,	37 08
" " V. J. Fifield,	138 21
" " S. Maxfield,	296 17
" " D. H. Maxfield,	80 40
" " A. Dicy,	227 34
" " M. H. Sweatt,	321 02
" " E. G. Folsom,	1,500 00
Cash of Charles E. Clough, collector, 1877,	500 00
" " " " "	150 00
" " " " 1876,	500 00
" " " " 1877,	131 42
" " " " 1876,	110 98
" " " " "	700 00
Money hired of D. H. Maxfield,	1,155 15
" " J. S. Towle,	214 57
" " M. Kimball,	175 00
Cash received of county for support of W. Tatro,	19 50
Money hired of E. N. Bean,	12 00
Cash of Charles E. Clough, collector, 1877,	20 00
" county, per order W. A. Bucklin, for medical aid to J. Tatro,	10 00
Cash of county for support of Hill children,	32 50
Money hired of L. L. Foster,	100 00
" " M. J. Fifield,	142 38
" " C. W. Hackett,	100 00
Cash of Selectmen, money received of T. E. Clough, former Treasurer, not accounted for Mar. 1, 1878,	1,305 00
Money hired of F. H. Evans,	1,718 58
Cash of County for support of W. Tatro at Reform School,	2 36
Cash of J. W. Wells, Collector for 1877,	200 00
" " " " " 1878,	200 00

Cash of J. W. Wells, Collector for 1877,		$100 00
" " " " " 1878,		100 00
" " " " " "		200 00
" " " " " 1877,		100 00
Money hired of B. Fifield,		691 81
" " T. Clark,		287 31
" " "		198 48
" " D. Durrell,		353 23
" " D. H. Maxfield,		82 07
" " S. Maxfield,		302 34
" " J. Laine,		649 28
" " J. S. Towle,		219 07
" " H. F. Tucker,		421 63
" " J. Tucker,		150 59
" " N. F. Foster,		395 94
" " " "		565 58
" " J. C. Cilley,		430 92
" " L. Sanborn,		410 54
" " "		308 25
" " M. Kimball,		216 31
" " S. S. Fifield,		591 41
" " A. M. Fifield,		37 85
" " V. J. Fifield,		140 99
" " M. F. Sanborn,		254 54
" " J. Pulsifer,		248 84
" " N. S. Plummer,		52 51
" " J. Plummer,		428 92
" " L. Plummer,		179 42
" " D. H. Maxfield,		1,178 94
" " J. F. Heath,		350 00
" " F. M. Heath,		369 54
" " H. B. Heath,		200 00
" " L. A. Lamprey,		144 56
" " H. Wadleigh,		206 44
" " C. Mooney,		590 99
" " C. J. Gross,		563 35
" " L. A. Willard,		375 20
" " A. Dicy,		232 07
" " C. W. Hackett,		101 25
" " S. Page,		243 40
" " P. Page,		39 44
" " J. Kimball,		308 10
" " L. Kimball,		85 39
" " S. C. Hill,		417 84
" " S. Piper,		163 48
" " E. F. Judkins,		237 33
Money hired of E. Dow,		92 75
" " W. A. Bucklin,		500 00
" " " "		500 00

Money hired of	E. G. Folsom,				$1,531 25
"	"	J. Mathews,			260 00
"	"	L. M. Sweatt,			279 42
"	"	M. H. Sweatt,			327 93
"	"	G. C. Hill,			192 07
"	"	J. M. Folsom,			500 00
"	"	J. Cate,			84 15
"	"	W. C. Wells,			95 31
"	"	L. J. Dearborn,			409 10
"	"	T. L. Bean,			120 51
"	"	N. Ellsworth,			102 66
"	"	J. M. Garmon,			46 77
"	"	A. W. Durrell,			190 70
"	"	M. J. Fifield,			144 16
"	"	L. A. Folsom,			1,093 34
"	"	W. M. Clark,			500 00
"	"	T. L. Bean,			100 00
"	"	A. W. Brown,			2,000 00
Amount due on	J. Y. Weymouth's note,				116 49
Cash of	J. W. Wells,	Collector,	1877,		100 00
"	"	"	"	1878,	370 00
"	"	"	"	1877,	100 00
"	"	"	"	1878,	470 00
"	"	"	"	1877,	100 00
"	"	"	"	1878,	770 00
"	"	"	"	"	800 00
"	"	"	"	1877,	100 00
"	"	"	"	1878,	755 00
"	"	"	"	"	650 00
"	"	"	"	1877,	100 00
"	"	"	"	1878,	770 00
Interest on	T. E. and C. E. Clough's note,				24 14
Received	Savings Bank Tax,				1,322 48
"	Railroad Tax,				113 41
"	Literary Fund,				79 18
Money hired of	N. A. Sanborn,				42 76
"	"	L. A. Sanborn,			72 19
"	"	M. S. York,			53 35
"	"	H. J. Clough.			83 22
Cash of	J. W. Wells,	Collector for	1878,		1,300 00
"	"	"	"	1877,	350 00
"	J. S. Weymouth,	"		1875-5,	64 09
"	C. B. Gile,	"		1873,	101 42
"	J. W. Wells,	"		1876,	310 00
"	"	"	"	1877,	125 00
"	"	"	"	1878,	330 00
					$46,414 09

PAID CURRENT EXPENSES.

Estate of O. A. J. Vaughn,	$1 50
J. P. Cilley, damage to carriage in 1877,	5 00
M. Kimball, use of watering tub to March 1, 1878,	3 00
I. Glidden, bounty on hawk,	20
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for books and stationery,	11 12
Truland Brothers, printing town orders,	2 00
W. A. Bucklin, certificates of births and deaths,	4 50
Truland Brothers, printing town reports,	26 50
E. A. Durrell, bounty on two foxes,	1 00
" " " one fox,	50
G. Chase, " four hawks,	80
G. W. Jenkins " one hawk,	20
B. B. Lamprey " four foxes,	2 00
W. M. Kendall, printing collector's bills,	2 00
F. A. Randlett, watering trough to March 1, 1878,	3 00
A. Fifield, bounty on hawk,	20
F. W. Wadlin, " two hawks,	40
F. W. Reeves, services and expenses examining accounts,	22 50
F. W. Wadlin, bounty on hawks,	40
J. B. Rowe, " hawk,	20
G. Chase, " four hawks,	80
E.A. Woodward, " two hawks,	40
E. G. Heath, " hawk,	20
G. Bryant, " "	20
F. Shepard, " "	20
A. Gile, " "	20
I. Piper, paid Bank for cashing check and expenses of sheriff,	1 75
I. Fifield, bounty on hawk,	20
J. R. Dearborn, " "	20
G. W. Riley, hall rent,	25 00
G. Chase, bounty on hawks,	60
N. E. Sanborn, " "	20
T. L. Fuller. " "	20
First installment of County Tax,	850 46
Truland Brothers for printing,	6 75
J. Plumer, for watering trough,	3 00
G. Chase, bounty for five foxes and one hawk,	2 70
A. D. Leighton, use watering trough to March 1, 1879,	3 00
N. D. Garmon, services settling with T. E. Clough,	1 00
" " use of watering trough to March 1, 1879,	3 00
S. Bickford, " " " " "	3 00
Second installment of County tax,	850 46
E. A. Hibbard, for counsel fees,	16 50
State tax,	1,356 00
Pike & Blodgett, for fees and expenses to Concord,	29 50
J. G. Cate, for money paid D. Barnard for counsel fees,	1 00
C. B. Norris, bounty on hawk,	20

J. E. Sargent, counsel fees,	$2 00
C. J. Sanborn, for copying invoice for use of county,	8 00
" " recording " " town,	4 00
" " cash paid for expenses at Concord,	15 50
" " postage and stationary,	73
J. O. Stevens, for watering trough, 1878,	3 00
I. Piper, for postage and stationery,	50
J. W. Wells for taxes and costs against N. Bard, E. A. Rowe and H. L. Folsom,	25 23
E. Tuttle, for watering tub, for 1878,	3 00
D. W. Judkins, paid for expenses at Concord,	5 00
I. Mooney, use watering trough to March 1, 1879,	3 00
" " office rent for year ending " " "	15 00
" " board of selectmen to March 12, 1878,	13 75
	$3,337 45

PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

S. B. Knowles, in fall of 1877,	3 00
S. N. Jewett, breaking roads in 1877–78,	8 98
J. F. Heath, " "	2 39
J. Pulsifer, " " "	6 75
J. C. Pearsons, " " "	6 00
F. D. Hill, " " 1876,	1 50
F. A. Stevens, " " 1877,	1 50
J. C. Cilley, summer and winter, 1877–78,	44 45
S. B. Knowles,	5 00
J. W. Farrar, labor,	21 18
A. Janes, labor and supplies,	42 95
J. C. Cilley, labor March and April, 1878,	36 92
R. L. Farrar,	10 70
S. N. Jewett,	8 25
N. Chase,	9 45
N. Chase,	13 50
G. F. Kineson,	28 05
T. R. Cushin,	4 97
I. Mooney,	51 65
D. T. Robinson,	22 11
G. R. Smith,	7 00
" "	11 00
O. Randlett,	2 50
T. J. Folsom,	4 53
A. D. Leighton,	15 00
J. L. Dalton, labor on bridge, 1877,	2 00
H. Chapman,	16 71
E. G. Ladd, for chestnut posts,	46 00
F. A. Stevens,	4 37
J. F. Fogg,	20 66

J. W. Farrar,	$40 74
A. Janes, labor and lumber,	18 07
J. Laine,	2 18
J. C. Cilley,	53 91
J. S. Young,	29 10
W. T. Batchelder,	35 15
J. O. Allen,	2 20
J. M. Whicher,	5 60
I. Mooney,	21 00
I, S. Thompson,	44 75
B. W. Brown, for lumber,	59 60
J. S. Weymouth,	16 77
I. Piper,	30 69
R. P. Willard,	39 04
L. Gilman,	12 75
J. F. Fogg,	9 77
S. B. Knowles,	30 34
J. Laine,	25 70
J. S. Towle,	15 62
D. W. Judkins,	7 20
A. W. Brown, lumber,	140 18
A. H. Brown,	3 00
N. F. Foster,	13 70
E. O. Bean,	18 90
G. Cook & Co., lumber,	18 90
D. W. Judkins,	16 50
G. R. Smith,	33 80
R. L. Farrar,	41 40
A. S. Ladd,	65 40
J. L. Keasor,	13 35
D. T. Robinson,	6 00
G. R. Smith, covering stone and labor,	8 00
G. T. Folsom,	2 90
J. C. Cilley,	24 02
W. R. Gale,	34 81
J. P. Currier,	45 90
A. Janes, covering stone and labor,	5 14
" " "	45 00
C. H. Norris,	12 10
S. Bickford,	1 00
J. R. Morrill,	2 00
A. A. Lamprey,	18 50
Dimond, Libby & Co., for iron pipe,	3 15
C. S. Sawyer,	22 14
" "	3 50
J. G. Cate, labor and expenses,	31 85
J. F. Fogg,	7 93
C. J. Sanborn,	2 95
S. B. Knowles,	23 95

N. Foster,	$5 20
A. D. Leighton, 1877–78,	4 80
S. Lamprey, winter 1878–79,	8 29
" "	14 70
P. Davis,	2 30
H. G. Prescott,	5 25
A. W. Brown, for bridge plank,	1 89
O. Randlett, highway,	18 60
J. S. Young, breaking roads, 1878–79,	44 82
J. C. Cilley,	37 99
J. S. Weymouth, " " 1877–78,	13 11
" " 1878–9,	4 50
J. T. Dudley, labor,	20
J. F. Heath, "	11 94
I. Mooney,	3 00
	$1,771 81

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

N. D. Garmon, services as selectman,	14 00
C. H. Rowe, " "	10 00
J. L. Keasor, one day as auditor,	6 00
J. E. Maxfield, services as selectman,	38 98
C. E. Clough, " collector in 1877,	27 22
S. F. Hill, " school committee and printing,	7 00
J. C. Pearsons, " moderator in 1878,	4 00
D. W. Judkins, " selectman in and out of town, for year ending March 1, 1879,	99 55
C. J. Sanborn, selectman's services to March 1, 1879,	65 00
" " " " in settling with T. E. and C. E. Clough,	24 00
I. Piper, services as town treasurer	40 00
" " extra, " in and out of town,	18 00
J. W. Wells, services as collector in 1878,	65 00
A. J. Hackett, " supt. school committee,	51 00
James G. Cate " and expenses in investigating, books and settling with C. E. and T. E. Clough,	23 25
C. E. Clough for collecting in 1877,	4 50
" " services and expenses out of town,	4 50
" " " as town clerk to March 1, 1879,	40 00
J. G. Cate " selectman in and out of town, including board and expenses to March 1, 1879,	97 15
D. W. Judkins for services and expenses in getting a settlement with C. E. and T. E. Clough,	25 50
	$664 65

PAID NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

D. W. Judkins, administrator of B. S. Russell estate,	$331 95
S. S. Fifield,	374 34
M. F. Sanborn,	249 34
V. J. Fifield,	138 21
F. S. Fifield,	205 00
A. S. Fifield,	37 08
L. M. Swett,	140 75
" "	132 68
S. Piper,	160 01
N. Ellsworth,	100 41
E. G. Heath,	13 70
J. F. Heath,	262 60
S. Maxfield,	291 17
D. H .Maxfield,	80 40
A. Dicy,	227 34
M. H. Sweet,	321 02
E. G. Folsom,	1,932 55
L. Sanborn,	20 00
D. H. Maxfield,	381 80
" "	99 34
" "	674 01
J. S. Towle,	214 57
J. Tucker,	100 00
H. Tucker,	200 00
C. H. Rowe,	200 00
L. Plumer,	100 00
J. Plumer,	200 00
D. Durrell,	200 00
John Pulsifer,	200 00
C. Mooney,	200 00
S. Page,	23 10
J. Pierce,	176 10
M. J. Pierce,	352 51
S. E. Bryant,	34 53
W. A. Bucklin,	530 90
L. Sanborn,	15 00
T. Clark,	5 00
M. J. Fifield,	142 38
M. A. Lakeman,	64 30
J. C. Cilley,	144 98
S. C. Hill,	100 00
M. S. W. Dudley,	10 00
F. H. Evans,	150 00
E. E. Evans,	152 14
F. H. Evans,	554 29
E. E. Evans,	$118 29
F. H. Evans,	121 98
" "	641 74
" "	130 14
W. A. Bucklin,	538 65
" "	538 65
J. C. Cilley,	430 92
M. Kimball,	177 81
L. Kimball,	85 39
M. Kimball,	28 50
D. H. Maxfield,	82 07
H. Tucker,	421 63
F. M. Heath,	349 54
M. F. Sanborn,	254 54
J. Tucker,	150 59
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A. M. Fifield,	37 85
T. Clark,	198 48
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L. Plumer,	179 42
N. Plumer,	52 51
J. Plumer,	428 92
D. H. Maxfield,	1,178 94
D. Durrell,	353 23
S. Maxfield,	302 34
L. A. Lamprey,	144 56
L. Sanborn,	410 54
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N. F. Foster,	396 22
" "	565 70
H. B. Heath,	205 52
N. D. Garmon,	108 62
J. F. Heath,	268 07
V. J. Fifield,	140 99
B. Fifield,	691.81
C. H. Rowe,	334 65
J. Kimball,	63 41
" "	124 69
H. Wadleigh, two notes,	206 44
C. J. Gross,	162 96
L. A. Willard,	375 20
S. Page,	243 40
P. Page,	39 44
C. W. Hackett,	101 25
A. Dicy,	232 07
C. Mooney,	590 99
C. J. Gross,	151 40

J. Mathews,	$268 41	L. A. Folsom,	$216 12
C. J. Gross,	153 42	" "	877 22
E. G. Folsom,	1,531 23	A. A. Sargent,	473 21
E. Dow,	92 75	S. H. Sargent,	576 70
S. Piper,	163 48	L. Sanborn,	20 00
E. F. Judkins,	237 33	E. G. Folsom,	280 00
S. C. Hill,	417 84	G. C. Durrell,	190 70
C. J. Gross,	95 57	A. W. Brown,	1,851 94
J. S. Towle,	219 07	S. Clark,	597 89
J. Pulsifer,	248 84	T. E. Clough,	477 52
J. Laine,	649 28	M. A. W. Dudley,	17 73
C. Shepard,	1,030 75	E. G. Folsom,	150 00
L. M. Sweatt,	279 42	D. Durrell,	358 76
M. H. Sweatt,	327 93	N. A. Sanborn,	42 76
G. F. Cate,	192 07	L. A. Sanborn,	82 19
J. Cate,	84 15	M. S. York,	53 35
W. C. Wells,	95 31	H. J. Clough,	83 22
T. J. Gross,	120 51	G. W. Norris,	11 76
L. J. Dearborn,	409 10	T. Clark,	22 02
N. Ellsworth,	102 66	J. F. Heath,	50 00
M. J. Garmon,	46 77		
M. J. Fifield,	144 16		$37,290 53
B. B. Philbrick,	151 80		

PAID ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

H. L. Folsom, in 1877,	$ 4 00
F. D. Hill, " 1876,	1 00
J. Mathews, error in tax 1878,	10 80
N. Ellsworth, " tax on dog,	1 00
J. Seyward,	1 80
J. S. Towle, in 1878,	25 20
I. Mooney, on Brown and Cilley pasture,	8 00
A. Hill's estate,	1 44
J. M. Folsom, over tax for 1876–77,	14 00
J. H. Price, abatement in 1873–4–5,	11 00
L. Knowles, in 1876–77,	15 00
F. P. Grant,	83
M. M. Smith,	90
J. W. Wells, in 1876,	82 91
Horace Chapman, over tax in 1872–3–4–5,	27 37
A. Libby,	1 00
J. S. Weymouth, in 1874–5,	34 59
C. B. Gile, 1873,	3 00
" " "	19 05
N. B. and E. A. Rowe, in 1876,	32 87
J. L. Dalton, error in tax, 1876–7,	7 00
J. W. Wells, abatement in 1876–7,	68 87
	$371 63

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS, IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

J. H. Matterson, board of H. Hill's children,	$ 9 00
State Reform School, for W. Tatro to May 1,	19 50
J. H. Matterson, board H. Hill's children,	11 50
W. A. Bucklin, medical aid to J. Tatro,	10 00
J. H. Matterson, board H. Hill's children,	12 00
Supt. Reform School for W. Tatro,	2 36
J. Laine for wood supplied Mrs. Randlett,	18 00
W. A. Bucklin, medical aid to L. E. Tappan 1877,	30 00
T. J. Moulton, support of L. E. Tappan 1877,	36 00
L. Rowe, sawing wood for Mrs. Randlett,	2 00
G. Gray, expenses and labor in O. Cooks sickness,	34 00
D. F. and J. C. Moore, medical aid to O. Cook,	18 00
F. A. Randlett, services rendered O. Cook,	2 00
G. F. Kenison, " " "	3 00
M. G. Glidden, " " "	3 50
P. Randlett, " " "	10 00
	$220 86

PAID FOR DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

J. Pulsifer,	$45 00
D. Sawyer,	5 00
C. W. Knowles,	4 00
	$54 00

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,		$46,414 09
Paid current expenses,	3,337 45	
" for highways and bridges,	1,771 81	
" town officers,	664 65	
" notes,	37,290 53	
" abatement of taxes,	371 63	
" support of poor,	220 86	
" damage to sheep by dogs,	54 00	
" several school districts,	1,311 67	
Cash on hand, March 1, 1879,	1,391 49	
		$46,414 09

ISAIAH PIPER, Treasurer.

DUDLEY JUDKINS,
JAMES G. CATE,
CALVIN J. SANBORN. } Selectmen of Belmont.

March 1st, 1879.

The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of thirteen hundred and ninety-one dollars and fifty-nine cents.

JAMES S. WEYMOUTH,
SOLON F. HILL. } Auditors.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

We find the town indebted for outstanding Orders, as follows, including principal and interest:

Edwin G. Heath,	$14 32	C. Mooney,	$602 39
Etta M. Bean,	12 42	L. A. Willard,	382 45
Leora L. Foster,	103 55	A. Dicey,	236 48
F. H. Evans,	1752 95	C. W. Hackett,	103 17
Thomas Clark,	292 83	Sally Page,	248 02
Thomas Clark,	202 27	Peggy Page,	40 18
D. H. Maxfield,	83 68	J. Kimball,	313 96
Sarah Maxfield,	308 13	L. Kimball,	87 01
Joshua Lane,	661 68	S. C. Hill,	425 77
J. S. Towle,	223 26	S. Piper,	166 58
H. F. Tucker,	429 71	Ella F. Judkins,	241 84
G. D. Chamberlain,	238 89	E. Dow,	94 51
J. Tucker,	153 48	W. A. Bucklin,	509 50
N. F. Foster,	403 53	W. A. Bucklin,	509 50
N. F. Foster,	576 43	E. G. Folsom,	1126 25
Benj. Fifield,	705 17	J. Matthews,	264 94
J. C. Cilley,	439 24	L. M. Sweatt,	284 54
Lowell Sanborn,	398 19	M. H. Sweatt,	333 95
Lowell Sanborn,	314 10	Georgie C. Hill,	195 59
M. Kimball,	220 48	J. M. Folsom,	509 17
S. S. Fifield,	602 82	John Cate,	85 59
A. M. Fifield,	38 56	W. C. Wells,	97 06
V. J. Fifield,	143 71	L. J. Dearborn,	416 47
M. F. Sanborn,	258 45	T. L. Bean,	122 68
N. S. Plumer,	53 52	N. Ellsworth,	104 51
Joseph Plumer,	437 19	J. Pulsifer,	253 64
L. Plumer,	182 89	Ann W. Durrell,	194 13
D. H. Maxfield,	1201 71	J. M. Garmon,	47 60
J. F. Heath,	306 76	M. J. Fifield,	146 75
F. M. Heath,	376 68	L. A. Folsom,	1111 56
H. B. Heath,	203 86	Wm. M. Clark,	508 20
L. A. Lamprey,	147 35	T. L. Bean,	101 41
C. J. Gross,	574 22	A. W. Brown,	2020 80
H. Wadleigh,	210 42	L. A. Sanborn,	72 44

Nettie A. Sanborn,	$42 90	T. Clark,	$37 38
M. S. York,	53 41	A. L. Bean,	2 15
H. J. Clough,	83 39	A. D. Leighton,	22 25
Parsonage Fund,	50 00		

CLAIMS DUE THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,		$1,392 16
C. B. Gile, Collector for 1871-3,		125 45
C. H. Rowe, "	1872,	1 80
J. S. Weymouth, "	1874-5,	132 43
J. W. Wells, "	1876,	42 49
" " "	1877,	440 32
" " "	1878,	2,185 28
Due on L. B. Fellow's Note,		27 23
" C. E. & T. E. Clough Note,		78 85
John M. Bean, old plank,		7 50
		$4,433 51
Indebtedness of the Town over means,		$20,090 08

In 1878 there were reported in claims due the town, $2,295 00 in United States bonnties which, considering them worthless, we do not report. Should we report them, the indebtedness of the town would be $17,795 08.

Pursuant to a vote of the town March, 1878, authorizing the Selectmen to make an investigation of the financial affairs of the town, we report that we have made a thorough examination with the aid of F. W. Reeves, of Laconia, of the Selectmen's and Treasurer's books from 1868 to 1878. We found the sum of $1,305 00 in the hands of T. E. Clough, former Treasurer, which was not accounted for but has been paid to the Treasurer for the present year.

DUDLEY W. JUDKINS,
JAMES G. CATE,
CALVIN J. SANBORN,
} Selectmen of Belmont.

Report of School Committee.

In submitting my report I am happy to say that the schools during the year have been almost without exception successful. The Prudential Committee have exercised good judgment in the selection of teachers, the teachers themselves have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, the scholars have been diligent and interested, and in most cases the work of the school-room has been supplemented by the interest and encouragement of parents and friends; so that altogether the money devoted to this branch of town affairs has been expended to as good advantage as was perhaps possible under existing circumstances. I have endeavored to remedy somewhat the difficulties under which the schools have so long labored from an insufficient supply of proper text-books, or at least from a lack of uniformity in those text-books. I chose the subject of Grammars, as being the department in which a change was at once most necessary on account of the wofully muddled condition of the books, and easiest on account of the comparatively small number pursuing that study. I am happy to report that one series of Grammars is now in use throughout the town, and the advantages resulting from the change are already obviously great. I spent much time and attention in examining the different authors, and finally selected Swinton's New Series, which is generally considered by the best educators the finest course in Grammar yet issued, and I secured such advantageous terms as to bring the books within the means of all. I earnestly hope that my successor will carefully examine the books before allowing them to be supplanted by others. The main step has been accomplished by their introduction; to maintain them in use is a comparatively easy task. In this connection I am sorry to state that in introducing the books in District No. 7 I met with an opposition which was as unexpected as it was unpleasant. In common with all the other schools in town I provided the scholars in this district with the new Grammars at the beginning of the term, and I was not a little surprised a few weeks later at having two of the books returned together with the information that the parents of the boys for whom they were left refused to take them. I immediately visited the school, explained the matter, told the boys that I was making a general introduction and must insist on their taking the books, and that if their fathers, after understanding the case better, were still unwilling to buy them I would rather *give* them the books than have them study any other. Shortly after the teacher again wrote me, saying that the parents refused to allow their boys to study the books even if given to them. I then requested the teacher to hear recitations in no other Grammar than the one designated—a request with which I understand she complied. I report this incident because I understand my action in the matter caused some feeling and aroused some comment, and I wish the truth to be known. If any one supposes that there is any profit or amusement to be derived from the process of "sifting out" old school-books, he is sadly mistaken; the task is always a difficult and often a thankless one, and he who attempts it finds his reward only in the consciousness that he has discharged his duty to the pupils for whom he is laboring. The advantages of uniformity in text-books need no advocate; either they are self-evident or

they never can be made evident. To every one who has any knowledge or conception of educational means they are at once obvious; with those who have no such knowledge or conception, who maintain that it matters not what or how many books are used, that "Adams's Arithmetic" and "Smith's Grammar" are as desirable as the works of more modern authors, it is useless to argue; the Egyptian darkness of their stupidity may not be penetrated! I am glad to say that, with these two exceptions the intelligent parents of the town were more than willing to sanction a step so obviously necessary; but for the benefit of the gentlemen referred to as well as of any others who may labor under a misapprehension of the functions of the School Committee in regard to text books, I beg leave to submit the following extracts from the School Laws, Chapter 81:

SEC. 11. Any text-book or series of text-books which, on the tenth day of July, 1867, shall have been in established use in any school for a less time than three years, and any which shall be thereafter introduced by the School Committee, shall continue in use therein for the term of three years from its introduction, and during that time no other text-book on the same subject shall be used.

SEC. 12. The School Committee may direct a change of one of the text-books or series of text-books on one subject, used in each class of schools kept in town, annually, and no more; but no book shall be introduced calculated to favor any religious sect or tenet.

I wish to embrace this opportunity to thank teachers, pupils and friends, for the unvarying courtesy extended to me in the discharge of my duties. The year has been a very pleasant one to me and has resulted in the formation of many friendships which I hope may long continue. I am fully conscious of my lack of experience and of qualifications for a position which, however considered generally, is yet one of high responsibility; but I have conscientiously endeavored to be of service to the scholars of the town, and if I have not succeeded in my efforts to make the schools *better*, I yet trust that they are in *no worse* condition at least from my connection with them. I now respectfully submit my report of the several schools, considering each district in its numerical order:

DISTRICT NO. 1.—This District has certainly discharged its full duty in the initiation of young teachers, three young ladies having here made their first attempt at teaching; if the experiment always proves as successful as it has the past year, no one can blame the District if in the future it steers clear of any but inexperienced teachers. Summer term taught by Miss Myrtie J. Plumer. There was no more satisfactory or successful school in town during the year. Miss Plumer displays a remarkable aptitude for teaching and achieved results of which an experienced teacher might well be proud. The school made a very fine appearance at its closing examination, and the large attendance of parents and friends showed that the teacher and scholars had received the benefit of their active sympathy and cooperation. Fall term taught by Miss Flora O. Bean. The school appeared well at its commencement, but it closed somewhat unexpectedly so that there was not time to notify me, and consequently I could not judge of the progress made. I am glad to believe, however, from the reports of the committee and others, that the school was a creditable one to all concerned. Winter term taught by Miss Laura E. Randlett. Miss Randlett is a fine scholar and has a happy faculty of imparting instruction. Her success with her first school augers well for future efforts.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—Summer and fall terms both taught by Miss Alice E. Freese. Miss Freese belongs in the very front rank of our teachers. With fine ability and an excellent education she unites a happy way of winning the affection and good will of her scholars, and is thus able to govern them without recourse to the sterner

methods which some others find it necessary to adopt. Both terms highly successful in every particular.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—Summer and fall terms taught by Miss Elizabeth A. Morrill. This school has been fortunate in having thoroughly competent teachers for several terms and the good results are apparent in the general character of the school. Its interests and reputation were alike safe in the hands of Miss Morrill, who is a teacher of ability and culture, and realizes from the thoroughness of her own education the importance of imparting thorough instruction to others. Order and progress alike excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—Summer and fall terms taught by Mrs. Sarah E. Small, who was a most faithful and devoted teacher and labored unremittingly to make the terms successful. The scholars appreciated her efforts and studied diligently, and the result was what might be expected. Winter term taught by Walter S. Peaslee. Emphatically one of the best schools of the year. Order perfect and progress truly remarkable, both in extent and in thoroughness. Mr. Peaslee has rare ability as an instructor and has by his pronounced success in this school added fresh laurels to an already enviable reputation. This school contains some of the best scholars in town.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—The summer term was begun by Miss Julia A. Cutler, who left on account of ill health in the seventh week of the term. Miss Cutler came to this school highly (or at least *loudly*) recommended, but very evidently she was not qualified for the position, and her connection with the school cannot but be regretted. The term was completed by Miss Louise A. Eaton, who is probably the best disciplinarian in town and who seems to be regarded by Prudential Committees in the light of "a very present help in time of trouble." She speedily worked order out of chaos and accomplished more in the remaining four weeks of the term than had apparently been *thought of* in the six preceding. While we have so competent teachers at home it is doubtful wisdom to go abroad for those of untried merit. Fall term taught by the same teacher with her usual conspicuous success, and the winter term which is still in session, is also under her efficient management. I would respectfully suggest to the voters of this District the urgent necessity of providing their school-room with a recitation seat. There is now none whatever that can be used, and the scholars are obliged, while reciting, to perch themselves on the front row of desks; and as the top of the desks presents an inclined plane of quite decided character, they have to assume a position that gives them the appearance of being about to engage in a game of "leap-frog." The attitude certainly is not a graceful one, and I should not suppose it could be very comfortable especially to the younger scholars whose feet cannot touch the floor. A trifling expense would supply the deficiency.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—Summer and fall terms taught by Miss Lillian M. Wells. This was Miss Wells's first attempt but she met with good success. She seems perfectly at ease in the school-room, and is especially successful in teaching young scholars. Progress good and order excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—Miss Alida Quimby taught both the summer and the fall term. This teacher is finely educated and thoroughly conscientious and faithful in the discharge of her duties. Both terms were successful. No other teacher in town made such marked progress in her manner and method of teaching. Several unpleasant characteristics of the first term were either materially modified or altogether done away with in the second. Progress very good.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—Summer term taught by Miss Ella F. Pulsifer. A fine school; and I attribute its excellence (in so far as it was due to her) chiefly to the *energy* of the teacher. She has splendid executive ability and much force of character, and the influence of these traits was apparent in the general appearance of the school. She might safely undertake a much larger school. Fall term taught by Miss L. Jennie Currier, who is well-known as one of our most experienced and accomplished teachers. In point of literary qualifications she has no superior and few, if any, equals in town. She has taught many terms in town and always with gratifying results; and in the present instance the skill of the competent teacher was displayed in the excellent progress made by the scholars. In other respects, however, I am sorry to say the school was by no means such as could be desired; for this the teacher certainly cannot be held accountable, and in most cases even the scholars were comparatively blameless; the "lion's share" of the responsibility evidently belongs to some of the parents. There appears to have existed in this District for many years a family feud of a very decided character, and this is not the first time it has thrown its baneful shadow across the school-room and crippled the usefulness of the teacher. It is much to be regretted that a neighborhood quarrel should be allowed so to interfere with the progress of some of the most intelligent scholars in town.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—Summer and fall terms taught by Miss Emma J. Lane. The best proof of Miss Lane's success in this particular school and of her popularity in the District is to be found in the fact that she has now been their teacher for four consecutive terms. Her success during the past year has fully justified the good opinion in which she is held. The school made good progress, a class in Primary Grammar making an especially creditable appearance.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—This District has had but one term, and that was taught by Miss Susie E. Farrar. It was an excellent school. Miss Farrar possesses the elements of a highly successful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—Summer and fall terms taught by Miss Frances M. Hatch. This teacher has taught so long and so well in this District that it seems quite unnecessary to say more than that she has taught the school again; that the school was a good one may be regarded as a foregone conclusion. The people of this District show commendable wisdom in retaining so faithful a teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—Fall term taught by Miss M. D. Leighton. Miss Leighton has taught several terms in town and always with gratifying results. She possesses in an unusual degree the power to interest and please the younger class of scholars, and under her efficient management this small school was a decided success. Order and progress both good.

ALLAN J. HACKETT,
Belmont, N. H., Feb. 26, 1879. Superintending School Committee.

[Since submitting my report I have been informed that Miss Eaton, the teacher in District No. 5, has been compelled to give up the school, and that Rev. E. S. Moulton has been engaged to complete it. Miss Eaton's connection with the school was entirely successful in every respect.]

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Number of District.	Prudential Committee.	Name of Teacher.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages per month, including board.	Average attendance.	Term.
1	C. H. Rowe.	Myrtie J. Plumer.	10		13	Summer.
		Flora O. Bean.	8		11	Fall.
		Laura E. Randlett.	11		8	Winter.
2	Samuel Lamprey.	Alice E. Freeze.	6	24 00	14	Summer.
		" " "	10	24 00	11	Fall.
3	J. G. Cate.	Elizabeth A. Morrill.	10	16 00	5	Summer.
		" " "	17	18 00	5	Fall.
4	J. H. Fifield.	Sarah E. Small.	6	11 00	9	Summer.
		" " "	6	11 00	10	Fall.
		Walter S. Peaslee.	11	20 00	12	Winter.
5	F. L. Fuller.	Julia A. Cutler, Louise A. Eaton.	10	34 00	39	Summer.
		Louise A. Eaton.	8	34 00	47	Fall.
		" " "	..	34 00	..	Winter.
6	F. J. Sweatt.	Lillian M. Wells.	6½	19 00	10	Summer.
		" " "	11½	.....	8	Fall.
7	M. A. Young.	Alida Quimby.	7	17 80	17	Summer.
		" "	12	17 80	17	Fall.
8	G. H. Kenison.	Ella F. Pulsifer.	8	20 00	10	Summer.
		L. Jennie Currier.	10	20 00	11	Fall.
9	J. R. Roberts.	Emma J. Lane.	8	20 00	15	Summer.
		" " "	13	22 00	18	Fall.
10	R. A. Farrar.	Susie E. Farrar.	15	15 00	10	Fall.
11	N. D. Garmon.	Frances M. Heath.*	7	17 00	8	Summer.
		" " "	8½	17 00	8	Fall.
12	Mrs. Hannah E. Badger.	Mary D. Leighton.	10½	16 00	7	Fall.

Whole number between 5 and 15 years of age not attending school, ten.